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AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF BANGLADESH LEADERS

1. IN CONVERSATION JULY 18 WITH FRENCH AND FRG AMBASSADORS, THEY TOLD ME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN IS PLANNING TO VISIT WEST EUROPE IN SEPTEMBER AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO INQUIRE OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS IF SUCH A VISIT WERE CONVENIENT. THEY SAID DANISH AND NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN SIMILARLY APPROACHED. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO TELL KAMAL HOSSAIN THAT VISIT TO PARIS WOULD BE WELCOME IN FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, BUT FRG AMBASSADOR HAS NOT YET RECEIVED BONN'S RESPONSE.

2. BOTH HAD IMPRESSION THAT VISIT WAS DESIGNED ESSENTIALLY AS GOOD WILL TRIP, INTENDED TO ASSERT BANGLADESH PROFILE MORE STRONGLY IN WEST EUROPE, ALTHOUGH BDG'S DESPERATE NEED FOR WEST EUROPE'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD NEVER BE FAR FROM ANYONE'S MIND. FRENCH AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION MAY VISIT PARIS FOR TALKS WITH FINANCE PEOPLE AT
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ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

3. REPORT IS ALSO CIRCULATING HERE, BASED ON APPARENTLY RELIABLE SOURCES, THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS SENT WORD TO SHAH OF IRAN THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT HIM IN AUGUST BUT THAT NO ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED YET. THIS VISIT IS SEEN ENTIRELY AS HAVING THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS FROM TEHRAN.
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